

# COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA)

Having trouble paying or receiving rent? MSHDA, Michigan State Housing Development Authority, has federal funds available to help Michigan tenants facing pandemic-related hardships avoid eviction while also ensuring landlords can recoup owed rent through the COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) program. Assistance is provided through organizations and available based on your residency.

CERA serves renter households that have incomes less than 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) who meet the following conditions:

- Individual(s) in the household has qualified for unemployment benefits or has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or has experienced other financial hardship due directly or indirectly to the coronavirus outbreak; and
- Individual(s) in the household can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability evidenced by a past due utility or rent notice.

CERA may provide financial assistance up to 12 months of back rental assistance and assistance with utility and internet assistance.

Please review this website for more details [MSHDA - COVID Emergency Rental Assistance \(CERA\) \(michigan.gov\)](https://www.mshda.org/cera)

Direct contact information by county is shown below.



## Lapeer County:

Blue Water Center for Independent Living: 8am-4pm, Monday -Friday

[info@bwcil.org](mailto:info@bwcil.org)

810.648.2555

## Macomb County:

Macomb Homeless Coalition: 9am-5pm, Monday- Friday

[www.macombhc.com](http://www.macombhc.com)

586.213.5757

## Oakland County:

Community Housing Network- Housing Resource Center: 8:30am-4:30 pm, Monday- Friday

[www.communityhousngnetwork.org](http://www.communityhousngnetwork.org)

1.888.441.1742

**St. Clair County**

Blue Water Community Action: 7:30 am-5 pm, Monday-Friday

[hara@bwcaa.org](mailto:hara@bwcaa.org)

810.982.8541

**Wayne – Detroit, Hamtramck, Highland Park**

Wayne Metropolitan CAA: 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday

[www.detroitevictionhelp.com](http://www.detroitevictionhelp.com)

866.313.2520

**Out-Wayne**

Wayne Metropolitan CAA: 8am-6pm Monday-Friday, 9am-12pm Saturday

[www.waynemetro.org](http://www.waynemetro.org)

734.284.6999